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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ronald W. MINK et al.)
Application No.: 09/973,956)
Filed: October 11, 2001)
For: DEVICE FOR COLLECTION AND)
ASSAY OF ORAL FLUIDS)

Group Art Unit: 1700

Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 50-57 as follows:

50. (New) A device for collecting and assay of fluids, comprising:
a housing having a fluid receiving end and an assay portion;
a lateral flow assay strip contained substantially within the assay portion; and
a collection strip for transporting fluid from a fluid source to the assay strip, the collection strip including:

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